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On display at The Cleveland Museum of Art is a first century Persian cast bronze incense burner from the Parthian period. This object, said to have been found at Burudjird, Luristan, is in the form of a cheetah holding a round dish. It is particularly important because of the great rarity of early Parthian decorative arts - notably metalwork.

It has the characteristic spots made by depressions in the metal. Wings seem evident on the shoulders of its sleek body and a collar surrounds its neck - a usual ornamentation in cheetah representations.

Aside from the incense burners from Taxila and a few fragments of jewelry also from Taxila, the only other Parthian metalwork of any importance is a group of bronzes now in the Teheran Museum. They are from a site near that from which the Museum's incense burner comes.

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